

Tri-County is proud to announce the 2024-2025 ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) local award winner, Dannica Erickson. Dannica is a member of the Northern Freeze softball and volleyball teams, is active in both band and choir, is a class officer, is on the yearbook staff, and has represented Tri-County in the Envirothon, FCCLA, the TEAM-UP sophomore leadership conference, and is a member the SALT (Student Advisory and Leadership Team) that recently went to the Together 3.0 Leadership Conference sponsored by the MSHSL. Dannica has worked every community service day for Tri-County, has volunteered to work "The Longest Table", and is in her third year serving as a Peer Buddy. She believes Peer Buddies is perhaps one of the most important programs in our school. Making sure the younger kids know that an older student cares about them and the fact she can be an influence in their lives is important to Dannica. Band Director, Brad Thompson had this to say about Dannica, "she is one whom the younger students look up to. What they see is someone who isn't afraid to play a part by themselves, someone who collaborates with me and gives me suggestions on pep-band music that we might be able to play. They see that she isn't afraid to put herself out there and do extra things like participate in honor bands."

Congratulations Dannica, you make Tri-County proud.

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